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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, KE, UG, PINT

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED CONGRESSIONAL LETTER
ASKING DEPARTMENT TO COMMENT ON FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS:

A) KENATCO, A LARGE TRUCKING COMPANY OWNED BY MEMBERS OF KENYATTA'S FAMILY, HOLDS AN EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT TO TRANSPORT CONSUMER GOODS FOR AMIN FROM THE PORT OF MOMBASA TO KAMPALA. ON THEIR RETURN TRIP, THESE TRUCKS, WITH MILITARY ESCORTS, TRANSPORT UGANDAN COFFEE TO KENYAN PORTS FOR EXPORT.

B) KENYATTA'S SON HAS CONTRACTED TO PROVIDE FOODSTUFFS AND UNIFORMS TO AMIN'S ARMY.

C) VICE PRESIDENT MOI AND SEVERAL OTHER KENYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING AND MARKETING OF UGANDAN COFFEE FOR PERSONAL ENRICHMENT.

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MOI, IN PARTICULAR, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING SOME FLEEING UGANDAN REFUGEES TO AMIN; THESE REFUGEES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MURDERED.

D) BISHOP OTIM AND SEVERAL OTHER ESTEEMED UGANDAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE SOUGHT SAFETY IN KENYA HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON OCCASION AND HARASSED BY KENYAN POLICE AND MILITARY

OFFICERS. A RECENT CRACKDOWN ON UGANDAN REFUGEES HAS
BEEN VERIFIED BY FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS.

E) AGENTS OF AMIN'S DREADED STATE RESEARCH BUREAU ARE
ALLOWED TO OPERATE WITH IMPUNITY IN NAIROBI AND ELSE-
WHERE IN KENYA TO HARASS AND EVEN KIDNAP UGANDAN
REFUGEES.

2. PLEASE CABLE DETAILED EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE WITH REPLY SLUGGED FOR AF/E.

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